

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 855

By Watson

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Soddy Daisy Junior Miss Program on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1959, the Soddy Daisy Junior Miss Program has proudly stood as an exemplar of the finest tenets of the America's Junior Miss organization, promoting the importance of education while encouraging the personal development of all young people; and

WHEREAS, this year's program will mark the organization's fiftieth anniversary and will commemorate the history of the Soddy Daisy Junior Miss Program; and

WHEREAS, first produced by the Soddy Daisy Jaycees, the production of the program was handed over to the Jaycettes in the 1970s; the program is now guided by the Soddy Daisy Junior Miss Board of Directors, an association of dedicated, community-minded volunteers who graciously donate their time and energies to the young ladies who choose to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Soddy Daisy Junior Miss Program strives to incorporate a theme in its festivities; this year's theme is "Been There...Done That...Going Back," and the program will feature the music and routines from previous programs, highlight the organization's history, and commemorate all former Junior Misses and contestants in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the Soddy Daisy Junior Miss Program promotes the Be Your Best Self program, which has as its aim the encouragement of self-esteem in young people and emphasizes seven elements: good education, community service, proper nutrition, staying fit, living by moral principles, setting goals, and striving to meet said goals; and

WHEREAS, in this year's program, fourteen talented and deserving young women will be competing for the coveted title of Soddy Daisy Junior Miss; their dedication of purpose and

unswerving commitment to excellence are indicative of their character and surely point to no small amount of future success; and

WHEREAS, the Soddy Daisy Junior Miss Board of Directors is deeply committed to the importance of the pursuit of education, annually awarding \$3,700 in scholarships and \$200 in additional awards; each dollar raised was done through the tireless efforts of the Soddy Daisy Board of Directors ; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to recognize those intrepid organizations whose members dedicate themselves to the cultivation and encouragement of Tennessee's young people, and the Soddy Daisy Junior Miss Program is one program wholly deserving of our recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize the Soddy Daisy Junior Miss Program on the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary, applaud its dedication to education and personal development, and extend our best wishes for the program's continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.